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To: School Nutrition Programs
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Re: Planned Assistance Level Calculations SY2011

The Planned Assistance Level (PAL) represents the dollar value of USDA foods your school is eligible to receive during the school year.

PAL is calculated by taking your Average Daily Meals (ADM) from the 2010 School Year times the per-meal value of USDA food assistance for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The per-meal value is published each year by the USDA in the Federal Register and for the 2011 School Year will be .2025 per meal.

Section 6(e) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) requires that the value of USDA Foods (commodity) assistance for schools is not less than 12 percent of all Federal assistance provided under sections 4, 6, and 11 of the NSLA each school year.

During the 2010 school year, that requirement was not met so an additional .025 has been added to the 2011 per meal value for a total of .2275.

If you have questions please contact me by phone at (406) 444-4415 or by email at juwilson@mt.gov.